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A NEW CANARY FLYCATCHER FROM THE PHILIPPINE ISLANDS

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Comparison of series of fresh-plumaged autumn and winter specimens of *Culicicapa helianthea* subspp. has shown that the population of Tawitawi Island is as distinct from *C. h. panayensis* of the more northern islands and Paláwan as the latter is from *C. h. helianthea* of the Celebes. I propose to name the new race

Culicicapa helianthea mayri, subsp. nov.

Type.—Adult male, U. S. National Museum No. 315319, collected at Tataán, Tawitawi Island, Sulu Archipelago, Philippine Islands, on October 15, 1891, by D. C. Worcester and F. S. Bourns (Menage Collection No. 1970).

Diagnosis.—From C. h. panayensis (and so much the more from C. h. helianthea) readily separable by having the olive green of the head and mantle paler and purer, less golden; the yellow of the rump band paler and less golden; the yellow of the under parts duller and greener, less golden.

Range.-Tawitawi and Bongao Islands.

Specimens in fresh plumage examined.—C. h. panayensis: 20; C. h. helianthea: 20; C. h. mayri: 6.

Remarks.—The new form is named for Ernst Mayr, co-author of "Birds of the Philippines."

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